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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Photographic Intelligence Center

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division
Chief, Administrative Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : 117L Advisory Committee Reports

REFERENCE : COR-0322 dated 21 January 1959
with Attachments

1. In keeping with our discussions, I have explored the several practices of the 117L Advisory Committee to determine whether actual CORONA information was being disclosed. You will recall Mr. Bissell's keen interest in this matter and his view that actual CORONA papers had been released to members of the Committee.

2. My investigation has determined there are two trouble-some ARPA documents. It seems the first was a TS report dated 1 December 1958, consisting of 15 pages and is the product of a committee chaired by [redacted] The report recommends certain changes in the basic DOD missile program. From your membership in the Advisory Committee, particularly as noted in referenced document, it seems a second document, probably a sterilized version of the TS report carrying the same date and classified secret, was made available to members of the Committee. I have been advised the sterilized version was used by [redacted] to verbally brief the Committee and aid its review and recommendation. Your possession of a copy of the sterilized version would argue against mere oral presentation.

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3. Any light you might shed on this situation would be most helpful. I recognize the meeting occurred six months ago and recollection may be difficult. The crux of the matter seems to be whether RMD sterilized the TS report and disseminated it to the Committee. If this proves to be the case, I don't regard it as a major problem, but I do wish to fix responsibility for the situation.

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Security Officer
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